

**MARYLAND DISASTER HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MDHAP)
SHORT-TERM VOUCHER**

TENANT PARTICIPATION FACT SHEET

What is Maryland Disaster Housing Assistance Program (MDHAP)?

During a State of Emergency or other declared disaster, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) can activate the MDHAP Short-Term Voucher program in certain areas if it is determined that there is sufficient need for the program. The MDHAP program is a resource that can provide short-term, emergency rental assistance for families or individuals displaced by a natural disaster as identified by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) or the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) while the voucher recipient arranges for long-term housing or awaits permanent housing assistance.

Who is eligible?

Families or individuals are assisted on a referral basis. The referrals are made by MEMA, DHR, local government human resources or emergency management offices, or other designated disaster relief agencies. Generally, all families or individuals displaced by a natural disaster are eligible and can be referred to the program.

Who administers this program?

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers the program either directly or through a network of partnering local housing agencies in Maryland and adjoining states.

How much of the rent will MDHAP cover?

The MDHAP will pay the Owner the advertised rent or 100% of the fair market rent for the area in which the property is located, whichever is less. The full amount of rent falling within this threshold will be paid through the MDHAP voucher during the approved participant's occupancy term. Owners agree to waive tenant security deposits. Tenants are responsible for tenant-related damages.

How long will the housing assistance last?

The term of the MDHAP short-term voucher is 90 days. Extensions will be considered for homeowners if the home is not ready for occupancy at the end of the 90 period.

What is the process for getting started?

Upon your referral to an administering agency, you will be provided a full briefing and packet of forms and instructions. Available housing resources also will be provided at that time. Applications and supporting documentation can be emailed to dhcd.rental_services@maryland.gov or faxed to DHCD at 410-558-6579 or delivered to our address below (ATTN: Rental Services 381-C).

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